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In re Application of
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006 in the above-captioned application ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner has required a further election of species. Claims 27-31, 36 and 46-63 are pending in the application; claims 27-31, 36 and 46-63 are subject to the species election.

The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims to two patentably distinct species:

- (1) cmp slurries with no phytic acid claimed (claims 55 and 57); and
- (2) cmp slurries with phytic acid claimed (claims 56, 58 and 60).

Currently, claims 36, 46-54, 59 and 61-63 are deemed to be generic.

Applicants hereby elect the species of cmp slurries with phytic acid. Claims 56, 58 and 60 read specifically on the elected species.

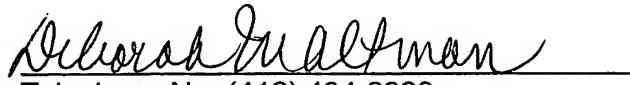
Upon allowance of a generic claim applicants submit that they are entitled to consideration of claims to additional non-elected species.

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